

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

WINCHESTER HALL (two buildings joined by a recessed center entrance addition)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

E. Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ ENTERTAINMENT☒ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE


7 DESCRIPTION

852-12

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Winchester Hall is a very large pair of 2-1/2 story brick buildings of common bond joined in the center by a hyphen serving as the main entrance (built in recent years).

The front facades are identical, displaying the Greek Temple form with massive porticos having the pediments supported by Ionic fluted columns and five bays wide. The top attic sections are lighted by bands of casement windows guarded by cast iron grills in an "anthemian" design just below the front pediments and by small windows in the side-walls. The columns rest on 3' high porches. Square piers of brick with wood trim support the pediments along front walls. Pedimented roof lines of the buildings rise behind the porch pediments. Massive centered doorways are headed by a wide, flat entablature trimmed by bands of carved leaves which also decorate the framing pilasters. Enclosing these recessed doors of nine (9) sash over panels are fluted Ionic columns similar to those on the porticos. Front windows contain 6/6 sashes and have wooden sills and cast iron cornices decorated by "peaks,"  "ears," and raised designs of anthemian leaves.

The West building extends thirteen bays in depth. Brickwork on the sides and rear shows much alteration around window areas. Chimneys are irregularly spaced on the roofs. Upper story windows contain 6/6 sash with those in the top attic floor shorter than the others. Basement sashes vary from six (6) to nine (9) panes depending on the driveway grade. Most side windows have wooden lintels but some newer metal lintels have been added.

The newer center entrance addition is three bays wide and recessed three bays, crowned by a simple pediment similar to the main buildings. This portico is fronted by two pairs of Ionic fluted pillars and is supported against the wall by two pairs of Ionic pilasters. The windows match those on either side. A broad belt cornice of three courses (three bricks high) runs around the recess area of this center section between the third and fourth floors and level with roofs of the main entrance.

Low walls and plantings of boxwood and yew enhance the fronts of the portico porches and of the main entranceway. A herringbone pattern brick pavement fronts the whole complex.

The East building is seven bays long as was the West building, originally, judging by wall evidence. A cast iron porch and stairway lead to the side entrance. The top floor area seemed to have been altered judging by the use of metal lintels.

See sketch of plan. 53233

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

500-600

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	

East building cornerstone 1843 ☐ INVENTION

West building cornerstone 1850 - East addition 1976

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of structures were originally built to house the Frederick Female Seminary, now known as Hood College.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701

DATE

MARCH 1973

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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